The annual demand for cocoa beans is estimated about 8000 tonnes.

(b) The low and peak market prices of cocoa beans (wet) during the period 1990-91 to 1992-93 are given below :

Year	Low (Rs./Kg.)	Peak (Rs./Kg.)
1990-91	7·50	7·50
1991-92	7·50	14·50
1992-93	14·50	22·00

(c) A Central Sector Scheme for the development of cocoa is being implemented for increasing the production and productivity of cocoa in the country. The following programmes are taken up under the Scheme :

(i) establishement and maintenance of demonstration plots to encourage scientific manuring and plant protection;

(ii) providing assistance for setting up of irrigation units ;

(iii) establishment of demonstration plots of high yielding clones in the farmers' field;

(iv) production and distribution of cocoa seedlings ;

(v) rejuvenation of unproductive cocoa gardens ; and

(vi) providing financial assistance to co-operatives for organising marketing and processing of cocoa beans.

(d) At present there is no proposal to abolish or reduce the excise duty on cocoa and cocoa based products.

(e) Various memorandums were received from the cocoa cultivators with the following demands :

(i) ban on import of cocoa beans to ensure remunerative price to cocoa farmers ; and

(ii) reduction in excise duty on cocoa products.

The concerned Ministries were requested to look in to the matter.

तिलहनों का उत्पादन

686. **श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय कुल कितने क्षेत्र पर तिलहनों की खेती की जा रही है तथा इसमें से कितने क्षेत्र में सिंचाई की सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं ;

(ख) वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान विभिन्न किस्म के तिलहनों का अलग-अलग कितना उत्पादन हुआ है ; और

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान अलग-अलग तेलों के निर्यात के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं ;

गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) 1992-93 के दौरान तिलहन के तहत कुल अनुमानित क्षेत्र 253.3 लाख हैक्टेयर था। नवीनतम उपलब्ध अनुमान के अनुसार 1989-90 में तिलहन के तहत कुल 228.00 लाख हैक्टेयर में से 44.95 लाख हैक्टेयर सिंचित था।

(ख) 1992–93 के दौरान विभिन्न तिलहनों का अनुमानित उत्पादन निम्न प्रकार है :—

	उत्पादन (लाख मीटरी टन
1. मूंगफली	85.0
2. सोयाबीन	31.1
3 तिल	8.5
4. सूरजमुखी	12.4
5. अरंडी	6.5
6. तोरिया और सरसों	54.0
7. कुसुम	3.5
8. अलसी	3.6
9. रामतिल	1.7
योग :	206.3

(ग) वाणिज्य मंत्रालय ने वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए केवल अरंडी के तेल के लिए 170 करोड़ रुपए का तथा गोपे तेलों (वसा) के लिए कुल 15.0 करोड़ रुपए का निर्यात लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है, अन्य तेलों के लिए लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है ।

Demage Caused by Floods in Haryana and Punjab

687. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total damage to agriculture product in flood affected areas in Punjab and Haryana and

(b) whether this is likely to have overall effect on the targetted agriculture produce during 1993-94 and if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) On the basis of preliminary assessments made the State Government, the crop areas of approximately 6·00 lakh hect. and 1·82 lakh hect. have been affected in Punjab and Haryana respectively.

(b) It is too early at this juncture to make a realistic assessment of the overall impact of the floods on the production of foodgrains.

Decline of IBEX Goat Spices

688. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the population of Ibex goat found in high Himalayan altitudes is declining ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that high quality wool is obtained from this species ;

(c) if so, whether the potential of production and export of this wool have been evalutated; and

(d) what is being done to protect the species and increase its population and wool production therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) In India Ibex (*Capra ibex*) P is found in western Himalayas from Kashmir to Kumoan in Uttar Pradesh. It is a wild animal and is not reared. The species is considered endangered as per the study of Zoological Survey of India. The under wool of the Ibex is considered valuable.